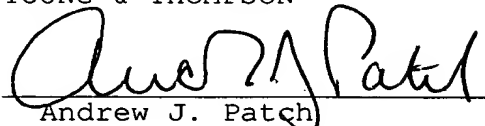


An action on the merits of the present application is  
now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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